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In the past, ancient lunar observations have been used for chronological purposes frequently. But during the last twenty years their usefulness was questioned and even rejected. This paper deals with the opportunities and drawbacks of such observations for chronology. Their usefulness and drawbacks are demonstrated on a set of forty lunar observations from an ancient Egyptian city called Illahun which was inhabited for about 100 years only (19(th) century BC) during the so called Egyptian Middle Kingdom.

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